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SUBJECT: MBFR: NATO COST SHARING OF AD HOC GROUP OFFICE IN VIENNA

REFS: A. USNATO 4005

B. STATE 172489

BEGIN SUMMARY. AT MEETING ON AUGUST 30, THE OPEN-ENDED ADMIN GROUP PAPER ON BUDGETARY ASPECTS QUOTED IN REF A WAS REVIEWD WITH UK COMCURRING; CANADA INDICATING SOME DIFFICULTY BUT PROBABLE CONCURRENCE; GERMANY, ITALY, AND US RESERVING POSITION PENDING GUIDANCE. NOTWITHSTANDING, TEXT WAS AGAIN REVISED WITH SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES TO PARA 2 RELATING TO NATIONAL COSTS. ACTION REQUESTED: BUDGETARY GUIDANCE PRIOR TO NEXT MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 6. END SUMMARY.

1. ITALIAN DELEGATE INSISTED ON IDENTIFICATION OF SEPARATE BUDGET FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF AD HOC GROUP OFFICE IN VIENNA AS ANNEX TO INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF BUDGET. THIS WAS AGAIN VIGOROUSLY OPPOSED BY CEULEMANS, NATO FINANCIAL CONTROLLER, FOR REASONS CITED IN REF A.

2. BELGIAN DELEGATE REQUIRED ASSURANCE THAT SALARY AND CONFIDENTIAL

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COSTS OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL WERE TO BE FINANCED UNDER CIVIL BUDGET RATHER THAN SPECIAL BUDGET. DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION KUNZIG NOTED THAT THIS WAS NO PROBLEM AND POSITION COULD BE ACCOMMODATED IN CIVIL BUDGET.

3. NETHERLANDS, WITH CANADIAN AND ITALIAN SUPPORT, INISITED ON REVISION OF PARA 2 RELATING TO REIMBURSEMENT OF NATIONAL COSTS OF DELEGATIONS TO SPECIAL BUDGET. REVISED TEXT, NOT YET AVAILABLE, WILL BE TRANSMITTED WHEN RECEIVED. REVISION WOULD APPEAR TO PROVIDE FOR FUNDING OF NATIONAL COSTS UNDER SPECIAL BUDGET WITHOUT REIMBURSEMENT.

4. IN CLARIFICATIONS OF PARA 4, REF A, MISSION FEELS, IN LIGHT OF CEULEMANS' COMMENTS, THAT COMMON COSTS UNDER A SEPARATE BUDGET MIGHT REASONABLY BE CHARGED TO STATE DEPARTMENT FUNDS. PRACTICAL CONSIDERATION OF STATE FUND LIMITATIONS, HOWEVER, SUGGESTS STATE/DEFENSE DISCUSSION AIMED AT FUNDING WITHIN DEFENSE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY HEADQUARTERS LINE ITEM AT LEAST FOR FY74.

5. REQUEST GUIDANCE IN TIME FOR MEETING AT 1500 HOURS ON SEPTEMBER 6TH.
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